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Covenant news



Covenant re-signing ceremony at Monroe
Soldiers and Family members from Fort Monroe, Va., witness the re-signing of the garrison's Army Family Covenant during a Feb. 23 ceremony at the installation's Casemate Museum. [▶Article](#)

Fort Lewis officials reaffirm commitment to warriors [▶Article](#)

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Fort Irwin and NCTC 'Bring Your Kids to Work Day' [▶Article](#) (p. 12)

CFC-O ceremony recognizes IMCOM-E, USAREUR generosity

The generosity and civic commitment of Soldiers, DoD civilians and Families assigned to U.S. Army in Europe continues to be as strong as ever, and it was recognized at an award ceremony held Feb. 24 at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion by the Installation Management Command Europe Region and U. S. Army in Europe. [▶Article](#)



All-Army photo contest needs your vote for 'Best of Show'



The winners of the 2008 All Army Photography Contest have been announced, and now it's up to AKO users to choose the "best of show." The winning entries may be viewed online, [click here](#). Log in with your AKO user name and password and select "Gallery of Winners"

under "Contest Winners" on the blue menu bar. Winners in each division are shown in separate slide shows. Vote for your favorite photo by March 3 among the first place winners in each division for the best of show award. [▶Article](#)

Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center hosts Special Olympics

The Fort Sam Houston Jimmy Brought Fitness Center was full of smiles and basketballs during the Special Olympics Texas' Area Basketball Competition Feb. 21-22. Area 20 of Special Olympics Texas includes more than 5,200 athletes with intellectual disabilities from the Hill Country to Corpus Christi. Randolph Air Force Base has hosted the Special Olympics in the past, but this year, Paul Matthews, directorate, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, approved the event at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center because the facility is larger than Randolph's gym. [▶Article](#)



Year of the NCO news

Knox debuts Year of the NCO [▶Article](#)

Fort Lee NCOs affirm responsibilities
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Mannheim community kicks off
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NCO volunteers as youth wrestling coach in Europe

Master Sgt. Darrin Domko, left, gets animated during the DoD Dependent Schools Europe wrestling championships. Domko believes noncommissioned officers and youth coaches have much in common. [▶Article](#)

Fort Wainwright NCO spotlight [▶Article](#)

Myer hosts Year of NCO tribute [▶Article](#)

Fort McCoy to honor NCOs at upcoming events [▶Article](#)



Detroit Arsenal NCO speaks to students about military service

Sgt. 1st Class Barry Giles addresses students at St. Mary school in Mt. Clemens, Mich., during Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year's event was the importance of service. [▶Article](#)



Benelux blog fosters grassroots community dialogue [▶Article](#)



Fort Monmouth ceremony celebrates 'Year of the NCO'

With pomp and symbolism Fort Monmouth and the CECOM Life Cycle Management Command officially began the celebration of the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer Feb. 23. Soldiers in period uniforms from 1775 to the present day Army Combat Uniform provided a visual picture of NCOs throughout the years while a narration told of the duties of each of the ranks of NCOs. [▶Article](#)

NCOs selected for Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame induction

In recognition of 2009 as the Year of the Noncommissioned Officer, Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Larry M. Smith and the late Sgt. Maj. William McBryar will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in a ceremony May 19 at the Lewis and Clark Center. [▶Article](#)



Wiesbaden Year of the NCO Fun Run

Command Sgt. Maj. Roger Blackwood (right), 1st Armored Division's senior noncommissioned officer, and U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden Command Sgt. Maj. Hector Alexander Prince discuss the vital role played by NCOs following a Year of the NCO Fun Run on Wiesbaden Army Airfield Feb. 27. NCOs from corporals to command sergeants major turned out in force in the early morning darkness for the commemorative run. [▶Slideshow](#)

Fort Leavenworth luncheon celebrates Black History Month

"The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas" was the theme of the Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Black History Month observance Feb. 20. Debbie Pixley-Clark began the entertainment portion of the program with a modern dance to the song "The Impossible Dream," from the Broadway musical "Man of La Mancha." [▶Article](#)





Tank that helped end Battle of the Bulge takes place in Army history
'Cobra King' on Rose Barracks in Vilseck, Germany, Feb. 25. During the Battle of the Bulge the tank and its crew led an armor and infantry column that relieved the 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge. [▶Article](#)



Great fun for all at West Point Polar Fest
Seven-year-old Aubrey Matalon tries snow tubing at the fifth annual Polar Fest Feb. 21. A clear sky and mild weather of 36 degrees, made the event at Victor Constant Ski Slope a day for fun with a crowd of 625 enjoying the event. [▶Article](#)



American Idol finalist brings 'home' to Germany
American country music singer Bucky Covington performs a concert during his first United Service Organizations/Armed Forces Entertainment tour Feb. 20, at the Kazabro Club on Vogelweh in Kaiserslautern. [▶Article](#)

FMWRC to provide pay-as-you-go Internet access Army-wide [▶Article](#)

Mayor praises Watervliet Arsenal [▶Article](#)

Contract awarded for USAG Humphreys' infrastructure improvements [▶Article](#)

Bamberg's Lean Six Sigma projects achieve success [▶Article](#)

Fort Hood Financial Readiness Branch helps Soldiers achieve financial fitness

The Army wants financially fit Soldiers. "Soldiers cannot fight a war worried about financial issues," Karen Bradshaw, Branch Manager, said. "Allowing Soldiers to resolve financial issues makes that Soldier better for their unit." At Fort Hood, representatives work proactively with Soldiers to prevent money and financial issues before they become problems so Soldiers can focus on their mission. [▶Article](#)



First female component CSM relates 'an amazing journey'

Michele S. Jones claims she never strived to be the first at anything, that she was never even aware being a trailblazer until people pointed it out to her. Jones brought her engaging and infectious speaking style to U.S. Southern Command Headquarters Feb. 18 as part of the National Black History Month program, entitled "Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas." [▶Article](#)

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield tree dedication honors fallen Soldier

A fallen 3rd Infantry Division Soldier was remembered at the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield, Ga., tree dedication ceremony, Feb. 19 at Warriors' Walk. Sgt. Adam M. Wenger, Battery B, 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, who was known as "General Obvious" by his fellow Army comrades, took his own life Nov. 4, 2008 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu, Iraq. [▶Article](#)



Wiesbaden: Project serves Soldiers and the environment

Sometimes too much of anything is definitely not a good thing. That's the case at the Mainz Sand Dunes Local Training Area where an invasive tree species and other plant invaders have run rampant threatening rare plants and animals, and impacting training operations. [▶Article](#)



Schweinfurt: Reading is key to kids' literacy

Starting kindergarten might be a monumental day in any child's life, but every year, 35 percent of American children begin school without the language skills they need to learn to read. To stress the importance of reading aloud to children, Schweinfurt's Ledward Library offers a children's story hour every Wednesday. [▶Article](#)

Force protection news

Information Assurance Awareness

- ▶ electronic greeting cards may contain viruses and worms
- ▶ ensure that anti-virus software is updated
- ▶ log-off at the end of the workday
- ▶ it only takes one malicious virus to disable your computer and network completely

Safety news



Dutch-American partnership

The 309th Airlift Squadron, based at Chièvres Air Base, conducted fire training Feb. 24 in the Netherlands at the Woensdrecht Firefighting Training Facility. The modern facility, used primarily by the Dutch, Belgian, Swiss and German militaries, allows firefighters to train on four full-size airplane simulators. ▶[Slideshow](#)

Riley Soldiers train with firefighters to clean up hazardous mess ▶[Article](#)

Red Cloud Soldiers gassed in Nuclear Biological Chemical chambers ▶[Article](#)

Installation paper of the week



Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pa.

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U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition to kick-off at Fort Lee

Hundreds of military culinarians will descend on Fort Lee, Va., for the 34th U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition that runs through March 13. As in the past, the competition will feature the Armed Forces Chef of the Year, Junior Chef of the Year, Contemporary Cooking Categories, and the Installation of the Year award. New to the mix are a revamped Field Kitchen Competition and an Enlisted Aide Competition. ▶[Article](#)



Museum artifacts, archives stored in new facility at Fort Meade

From World War I uniforms and field gear to bayonets and daggers, the last of about 2,800 Army artifacts was transported Jan. 27 to the Fort Meade Museum's new storage facility. "To have a clean, pretty, efficient new building, it's like we died and went to heaven," said Barbara Taylor, museum exhibits specialist at the Fort Meade Museum. ▶[Article](#)



Fort Carson earns 'Gold' sustainable construction certification

The 1st Brigade Combat Team headquarters, completed in August 2008, is the first facility on an Army installation to receive the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold rating for new construction. ▶[Article](#)

Fort Riley: Buffalo Soldier recalls service, joined Army in 1939

"By being in the military you can accomplish more and advance more, regardless of what race you are," said retired 1st Sgt Albert Curley Curley. "It's up to the individual to take advantage of the opportunities presented to him today." ▶[Article](#)

Kenwood students honor Fort Campbell Soldiers with flags

1st BCT First Sgt. Timothy Seeber, Charlie Troop, 1st Battalion, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, thanks a student at Kenwood Elementary School during Military Appreciation Day Feb. 13. Kenwood students wanted to show their appreciation toward "Bastogne" Soldiers by offering certificates, flags and special thanks for their service. Kenwood school's staff agreed to help kick off their first ever FLAG program. ▶[Article](#)

